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## A Brief Course in the

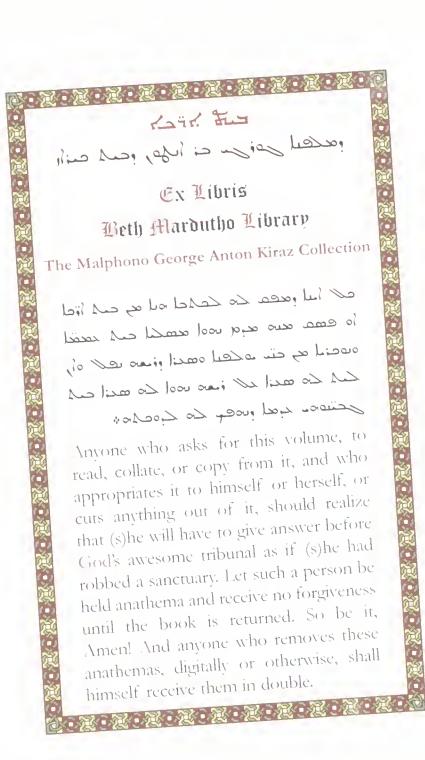
# ARAMAIC LANGUAGE

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#### INTRODUCTION

he purpose of this little Aramaic grammar is to meet the present gent need for the study of the ancient Aramaic Biblical manuscripts ritten in the ancient Estrangelo letters. Nearly all surviving valuble Biblical texts of the Scriptures are written in these old Estrangelo haracters.

ofter the student has mastered this little manual, he should be able owly but steadily to read both the New Testament and Old Testament nanuscripts. Semitic languages can easily be mastered by constant eading. Grammatical rules are sooner or later forgotten but the ext leaves an indelible impression on the mind of the student and elps him remember nouns, pronouns, adverbs, adjectives and other trammatical rules.

Our thanks go to Mrs. Harriet Corson for the help she has given us n preparing this Aramaic reader. All Aramaic and English letters n the book were cut out by hand, one by one, from facsimiles of he Aramaic manuscripts, and pasted together.

hope this little book will further the study of the Aramaic language, the most important tongue of the Semitic group, the Imperial Language of three great empires in Biblical days--Assyria, Babylon and Persia. Also, it was the language which Hebrew patriarchs, Jesus and His disciples and the early Christians spoke and wrote.

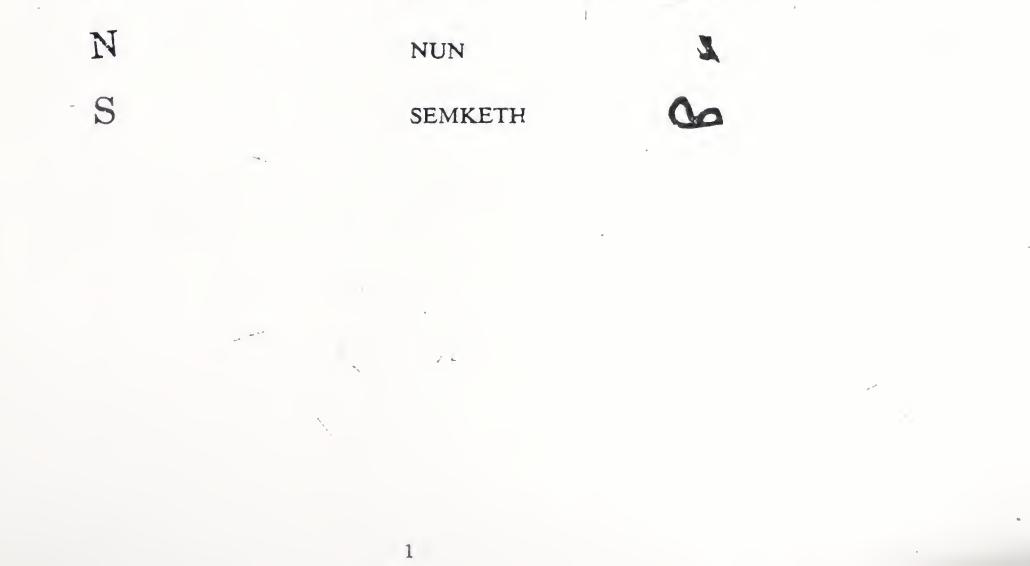
Fortunately, this language is still spoken by a small Christian remnant in Northern Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and some parts of Iran. The new translation of the Bible from the ancient Aramaic manuscripts has created considerable demand for first readers, grammars and textbooks in Aramaic.

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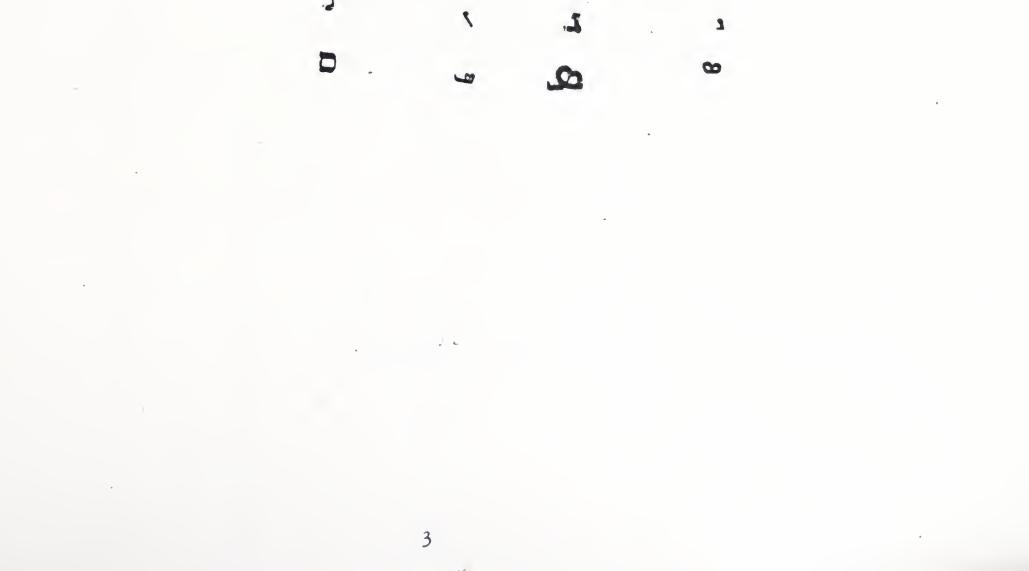
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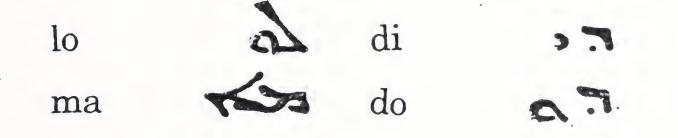
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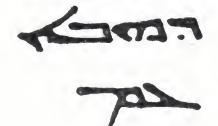
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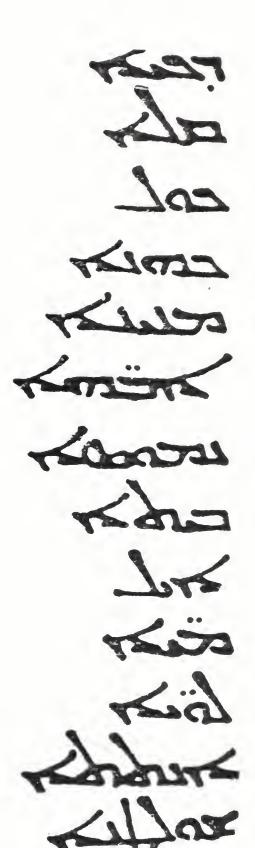
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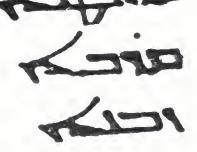


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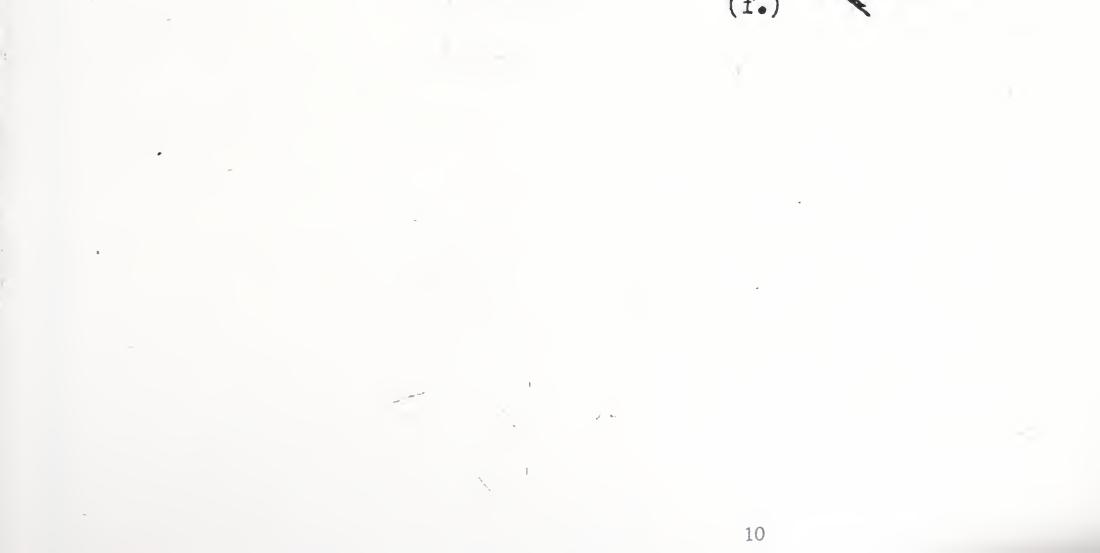
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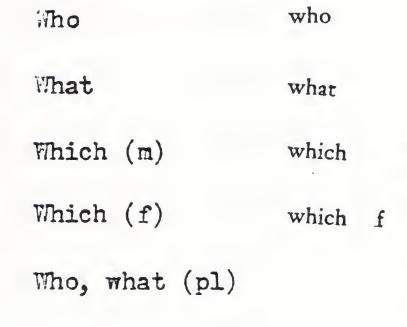
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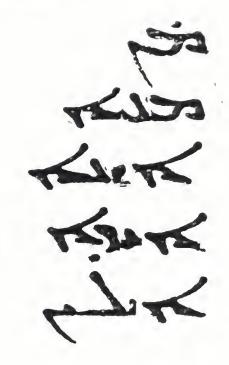
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#### **INTERROGATIVE PRONOUN**





#### RELATIVE PRONOUNS

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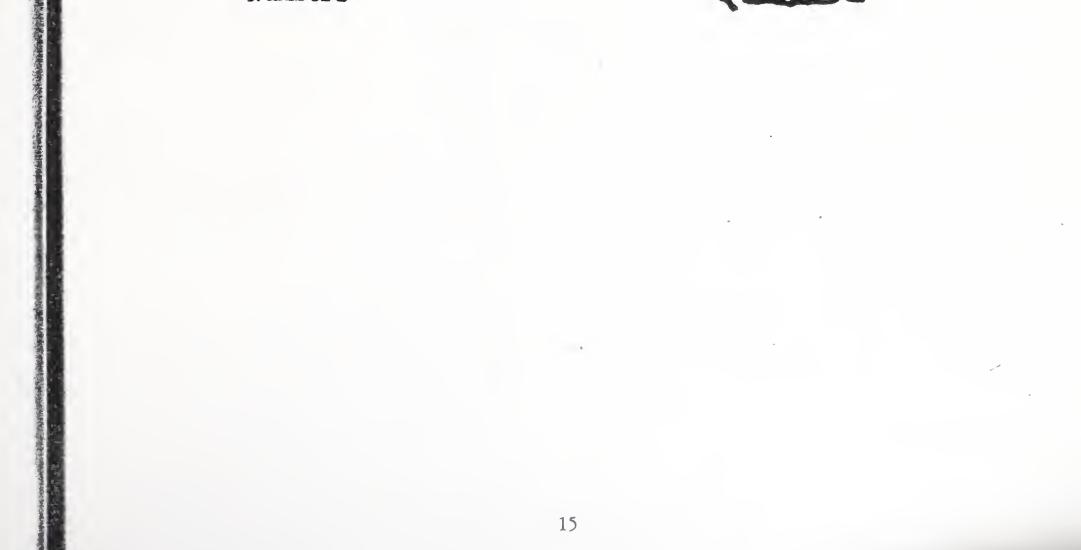
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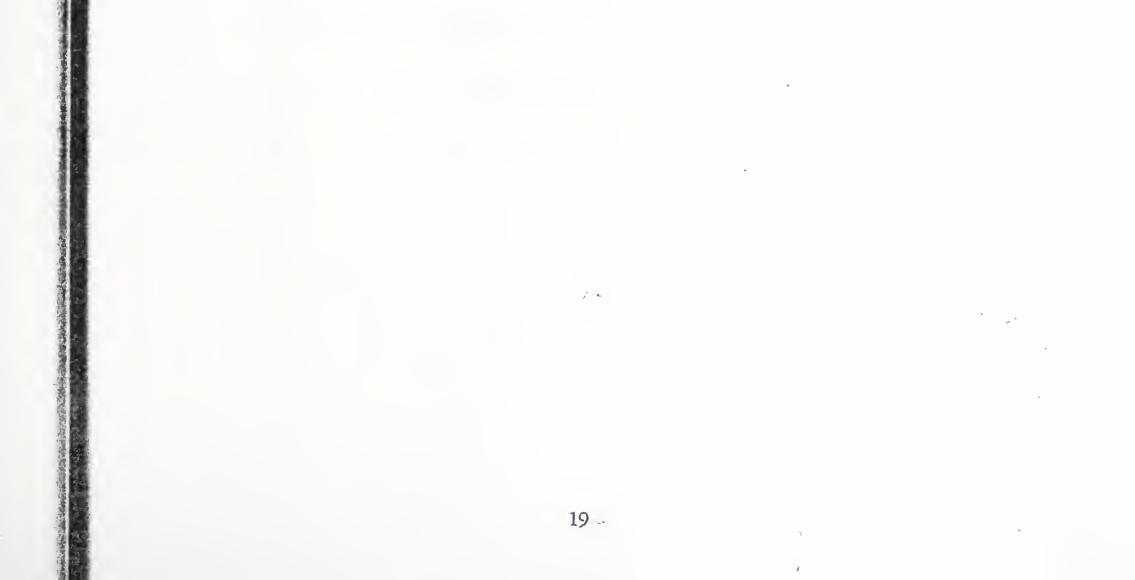
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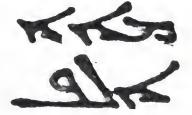
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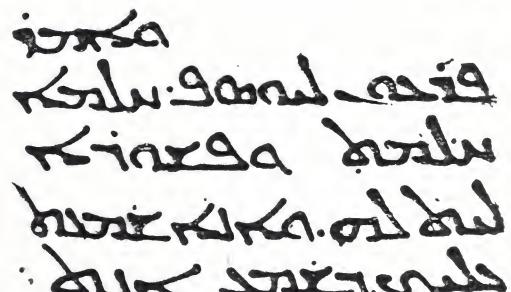
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15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it; and I have heard concerning you, that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.

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16 And Joseph answered and said to Pharaoh, Do you think, perhaps, that without God I am able to give Pharaoh an answer that everything will be well?

17 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph. In my dream I was standing on the bank of the river;

18 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven fat and beautiful cows;

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and they fed in a meadow; 19 And, behold, seven other cows came up after them, poor and illfavored and lean. I had never seen such ill-favored cows in all the land of Egypt.

LESSON 4.

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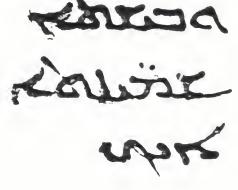
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cows ate up the first seven fat cows;

21 And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; for they were still ill-favored, as at the beginning. Then I awoke.

22 And again, I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears of grain growing on one stalk, full and good;

### LESSON 5.

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23 And, behold, seven other ears, thin and blasted by the east wind, sprang up after them;

24 And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears; and I told this to the magicians; but there was no one who could interpret these dreams to me.



## LESSON 6.

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25 ¶And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one; God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do.

26 The seven good cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years; the dream is one.

27 And the seven lean and illfavored cows that came up after them are seven years;

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### LESSON 7.

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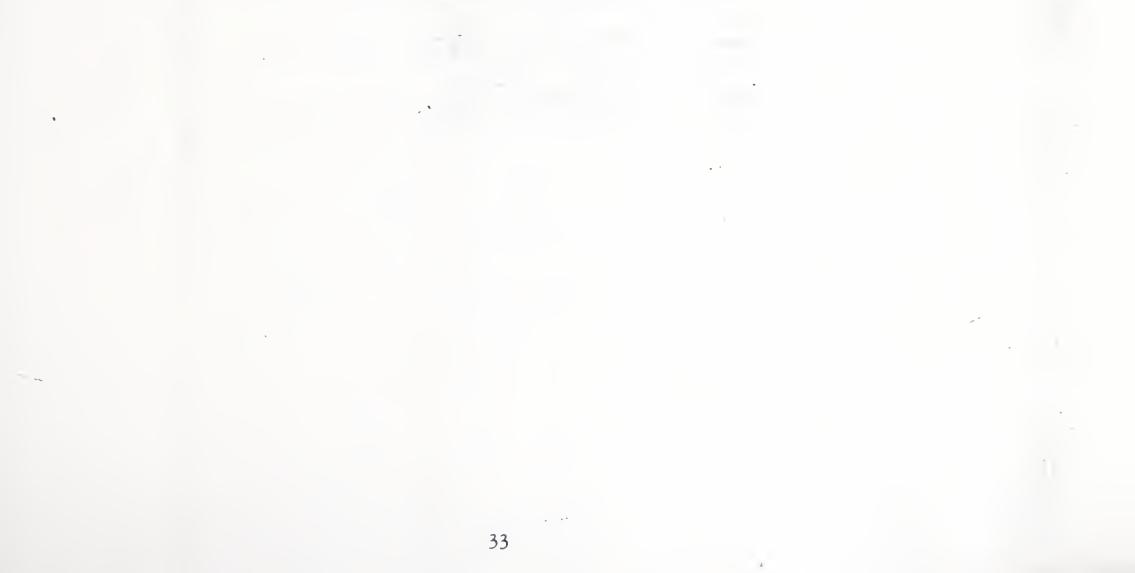
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ears blasted by the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

28 It is the thing which I told Pharaoh; what God is about to do he has shown to Pharaoh.

29 Behold, there are coming seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt;

30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine;



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plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

31 And the plenty shall not be remembered in the land because of the famine which shall follow; for it shall be very severe.

. 32 And as for that the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is already prepared by God, and God will hasten to bring it to pass.

LESSON 9.

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33 Now therefore let Pharaoh find a discreet and wise man, and appoint him an overseer over the land of Egypt.

34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land of Egypt to take the fifth part of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the wheat of these good years that are coming,



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and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep the grain in the towns.

36 And let the grain be kept for the land against the seven years of famine which shall come in the land of Egypt; so that the land may not perish through the famine.







